

Attachment B
Rodney Local Board specific issues

Issue	Current approach	Proposed approach relevant to local board area	Rationale
Wallabies (Kawau Island)	Current Regional Pest Management Strategy provides for eradication of wallabies as stand-alone operation, not encompassing other mammals such as rats and possums. Eradication has not been actioned over the course of the strategy.	Region-wide eradication programme, comprised of two components: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) multi-species eradication of wallabies, rats and possums on Kawau. 2) incursion response programme for the remainder of the region to protect current wallaby-free status. 	To protect the ecological and economic values of Kawau Island, and the wallaby-free status of other islands and the mainland. Multi-species approach for eradication on Kawau offers better mitigation of interactions among pests, to prevent adverse outcomes such as an increase in rats following removal of wallabies.
Argentine Ants (Kawau Island)	Control on Kawau island, working towards eradication. Public awareness campaign (Treasure Islands) and some enforcement to prevent reinvasion of Kawau and other islands in the Hauraki Gulf.	Continuation of Kawau eradication programme. Enhanced pathway management programme to further reduce movement of Argentine ants within the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area.	Because of their small size, Argentine ants are one of the species which has been most difficult to prevent movement of with a largely voluntary /awareness-based approach to pathway management. Enhanced investment in inspections and regulation is expected to reduce risk of spread.
Kauri dieback disease	Kauri dieback disease currently managed as an unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act, the Unitary Plan and national best practice guidelines.	Exclusion programme with pathway management rules to prevent the establishment of kauri dieback in high priority kauri dieback-free zones, including the Hunua Ranges.	Inclusion in the proposed plan will provide better statutory backing to manage kauri dieback disease and enable implementation of regionally specific pathway management rules.
The issue of weeds on council land (and the need to control them more effectively if the public are asked to control their own weeds)	Enforcement of selected widespread pest plants in response to complaints.	Site-led programme for parks with significant ecological areas to manage a suite of up to 30 pest plants to an extent that protects the values of the parkland.	Council to lead by example on own land. Site-focused approach will enable more intensive management of pest plants to better protect priority ecosystems and threatened species, and ensure coordination of effort across agencies and

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A desire for more education around pests	Provision of information and advice on pest identification, impacts and control, and communications around pathway management for a suite of species.	Provision of information and advice on pest identification, impacts and control, and increased communications around pathway management for a suite of species.	To encourage community, landowner and householder action and behaviour change to control pests, create natural habitats and prevent environmental degradation.
The importance of community pest control	Provision of advice and support to community groups undertaking pest control, with priority given to activity in or around biodiversity focus areas and taking advantage of defendable landscape features such as islands and peninsulas.	Provision of advice and support to community groups undertaking pest control, with priority given to activity in or around biodiversity focus areas and taking advantage of defendable landscape features such as islands and peninsulas. The plan will support the Pest Free Auckland initiative, which focuses on community empowerment.	To amplify, recognise and support community activity around biodiversity focus areas and provide community empowerment, upskilling and networking opportunities through the Pest Free Auckland initiative.